

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

* Ridley Creek State Park

AND/OR COMMON

"Jeffords' Estate"

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Sycamore Mills Road, Edgemont Township, the Southeastern corner
extending into Middletown and Upper Providence Townships

CITY, TOWN

Media

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Delaware

CODE

045

3 CLASSIFICATION

The Park Office building and Park lands are open to the public
Thirty of the Houses are under private lease and occupied as dwellings.

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☒ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Bureau of State Parks, Department of Environmental Resources,
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

STREET & NUMBER

Ridley Creek State Park, Sycamore Mills Road

CITY, TOWN

Media

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STATE

Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Court House,

STREET & NUMBER

Front & South Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Media

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

"Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites & Landmarks"

DATE

1970

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historic & Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

— EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
— FAIR

— DETERIORATED
☒ RUINS
— UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

— UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
— MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Prior to 1912 the area now encompassed by Ridley Creek State Park consisted of 25 individual farm complexes. Then one by one, the farms were brought under the ownership of Walter & Sarah Jeffords to form an estate of over 2000 acres. In 1966, the Pennsylvania Department of Forests & Waters (now the Bureau of State Parks), using Project 70 funds, acquired the Jeffords estate plus several tracts to form the 2489.3 acre district.

This rural farm district with its associated roads and small industry still intact is undisturbed by modern development. The only intrusions in the district are a series of new roads, parking lots and rest rooms constructed since its acquisition by the Bureau of State Parks.

The farms made up of many buildings are representative of 4 centuries of architectural styles. The progression of architectural styles, Colonial, Georgian, Federal, Victorian, etc., runs from the 1683 Worrall House to English Manor House of the Jeffords and the Brognard Okie alterations of Clommel Farm. Some of the houses also have fine original interiors.

The inventory which follows list all of the buildings located within the district. These have been keyed to the numbered farm complexes and individual building numbers on the associated map. Complexes are listed geographically beginning at the park entrance on West Chester Pike.

1. Bishop's Mill Historical Institute Complex:

House-025** (Headquarters of the Bishop's Mill Historical Institute, Sandy Flash Drive North): circa late 19th century, stucco & frame, 2 stories with basement; Sol Feinstone Library (Research Center of Bishop's Mill Historical Institute)-026, frame, 2 stories; Barn-027, frame, 2 stories, workshop of Bishop's Mill Historical Institute.

Intrusion-Rest Room #1-090 (Sandy Flash Drive North): stone, 1 story, constructed 1969/70.

Intrusion-Rest Room #2-091 (Sandy Flash Drive North): stone, 1 story, constructed 1969/70.

Intrusion-Rest Room #3-092 (Sandy Flash Drive North): stone, 1 story, constructed 1969/70.

Intrusion-Rest Room #4-093 (Sandy Flash Drive North): stone, 1 story, constructed 1969/70.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Recreation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1683 to present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Ridley Creek State Park encompasses a 2400 acre area comprising a mill village complex and 25 farm complexes. The physical and spacial remains of this rural farm district are virtually undisturbed by modern development. The area was initially settled by English Quakers in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The early great roads from Philadelphia and Chester made the area accessible to farmers and provided a convenient means of transportation for agricultural and mill products.

Throughout most of its history, the area remained agrarian. As the population increased in the 18th century, cottage industries such as weaving and tanning began to appear. The Regester Chair Factory on Gradyville Road prospered as a family business from 1801-1873. The mills located in the Sycamore mills area spawned a nucleated industrial community which prospered until the mills were destroyed by fire in 1901.

The district has significance in a wide range of areas.

Architecture:

Buildings of the complexes in this district allow for specific study of different types and categories of buildings by functional use. Further the buildings in the complexes make possible studies in relation to one another and also in relation to various elements within each individual complex. The various patterns of architectural changes and styles that have taken place over the centuries is also apparent. Of particular note are The Worrall House with its medieval features, the Sycamore Mills Complex with its mansions and tiny workers' houses, and English Manor House of the Jeffords' Estate. Many of the buildings are excellent examples of architectural styles or adaptations and many would qualify for listing on the National Register by themselves.

Agriculture:

Within the boundaries of the proposed historic district is a major segment of an agricultural community representing almost 300 years of continuous occupation and development. The present physical remains of these once thriving farm complexes are unique documents from which to study the evolution of agriculture in Southeastern Pennsylvania and the nation as a whole. These interrelated farm sites when combined with other associated historical materials take on new meaning for understanding socio-economic change in our past agricultural society;

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ashmead, Henry Graham; History of Delaware County, Pennsylvania; L.H. Everts & Co., Philadelphia; 1884.

Broomal Portfolio; Sycamore Mills; Delaware County Historical Society; Wolfgram Building; Widener College, Chester, Pennsylvania.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2489.3 acres
UTM REFERENCES

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A 18	464360	4424650	B 18	464370	4420270
C 18	459660	4420270	D 18	459680	4424760

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COOUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ernest Palmer, Jr., Historian / William K. Watson, Acting Director

ORGANIZATION

Bishop's Mill Historical Society/ OHP/PHMC

DATE

July 12, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. BOX 64 / BOX # 1026

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Gradyville / Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ☐

STATE ☒

LOCAL ☐

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Executive Director
Pa. Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

8/9/76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DATE

10/8/76
10/7/76

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1. 1680-1710 Pioneer agriculture (subsistence economy)
2. 1710-1790 Yeoman Plantations (barter economy)
3. 1790-1900 Market oriented farms (cash economy)
4. 1900-1966 Gentleman estates (investment economy)
5. 1966-present State Park and Recreational area.

Although the farms are no longer functioning, they provide the interconnected core from which to reconstruct a rural society; a society that formed the basis and met the needs of our growing nation.

"For more than a century, from 1725 until 1840, Pennsylvania was foremost among the colonies and states in the production of food. Her pre-eminence in agriculture during the formative years of the nation was due not only to the varied agricultural genius of the several nationalities that comprised her population, but also to a rich heritage of land. Pennsylvania was "the bread basket of the nation" because much of her soil was fertile and because her farmers were traditionally wise in the lore of the land."

S. W. Fletcher, Pennsylvania Agriculture & Country Life, 1640-1840.
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, 1971, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Industry:

Historically, the area now contained in Ridley Creek State Park has been used almost exclusively for agrarian pursuits. However, there were several notable exceptions. The most important of these was Providence Mill, a water corn mill established in 1718. Later owners erected a saw mill in 1746. Then, in the late 18th century a plaster mill was operating, adjoining the grist mill. By 1810/12 the plaster mill was replaced by a Rolling & Slitting Mill - all known as Bishop's Mills.

Conservation:

Ridley Creek State Park is the largest single holding of land open to the public in Delaware County. As such, it provides a contrast to the over-developed and congested areas that abound in this area. It serves as a refuge for all wildlife and plants, and efforts are made to maintain a variety of habitats in the park. The park also serves as a refuge for the historic community represented by over 100 buildings located in the district. Thirty of the houses are occupied as dwellings. Thus they are cared for and hopefully will be preserved.

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Education:

Many school districts in this area make use of the environmental education programs available in the park. These programs serve all school grades and adults with a wide variety of subjects, field trips and programs, including classes in horticulture conducted by the Delaware County Vocational Technical School.

The Educational Programs at the Bishop's Mill Historical Institute begin at the primary level with normal, physically handicapped and learning disabled students from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware experiencing its 18th century working farm; secondary level students from the area are involved in the archaeological and farm operations programs; undergraduates from Delaware County Community College, Villanova and Temple Universities and the University of Pennsylvania work on more advanced Bishop's Mill Historical Institute taught classes in folklife and archaeology; post-graduates and Ph. D. candidates use the Institute as an experimental research "laboratory"; and Institute researchers publish regularly and provide lectures for over 10,000 people in the community annually. A free exchange of research data with over sixty living history museums in the United States and Europe completes the Educational programs.

Recreation:

The park's first reason for existence was for recreation. With over 1,000 picnic tables, 4½ miles of bicycle trails, miles of hiking and horseback riding trails and 5 miles of stocked fishing in Ridley Creek, the park fills a real need in the metropolitan area for recreational resources. Last year 1.4 million persons enjoyed them.

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**Ridley Creek State Park District:
Geographical Description of the Boundary.**

The Northern boundary of Ridley Creek State Park-District starts at the intersection of West Chester Pike and the eastern property line of the Edgmont Golf Club. From this point it runs east along the West Chester Pike and continues in a straight line 1593.81 feet across the entrance to the Park-District (Sandy Flash Drive) and continues to the property line of the Edgmont Stone & Supply Company. From this point on the West Chester Pike it turns south and follows in a straight line 360.17 feet along the property line of the Edgmont Stone & Supply Co. and turns east for 520. feet until it meets the western property line of David W. Powers. From this point it turns south and runs in a straight line 650.36 feet along the western property line of David W. Powers until it meets the western property line of Francis R. & Rosabelle O'Brien. It continues in a straight line along the western property line of Francis R. & Rosabelle O'Brien for 658.37 feet to the southwest corner of the O'Brien property and turns east and runs in almost a straight line 1560.52 feet along the southern property line of the O'Brien property and continues until the Providence Road. Then the District boundary turns southeast and continues southeast along Providence Road for 5976.98 feet, then crosses Gradyville Road and continues 1995.01 feet along Providence Road until the Edgmont/Upper Providence Township Line, and at the same point the property line of Providence Towne Development. From this point the District boundary turns southwest and follows the Edgmont/Upper Providence Twp. Line in a straight line 1902.89 feet to the southwest property line of the Providence Towne Development. It then turns southeast and continues 2804.24 feet along the southwest property line of the Providence Towne Development to the Bishop Hollow Road.

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The District boundary then crosses Bishop Hollow Road to the southwest property line of the Dominican House of Retreat & Catholic Guild and continues for approx. 1044.71 feet southeast along the Dominican House of Retreat & Catholic Guild property line to the southwest property line of the Timberwyk Development at a point where it turns southwest and runs 37.95 feet and then turns southeast and continues 212.95 feet along Timberwyk Development property line until Chapel Hill (Line) Road. It then turns southwest and continues 68.54 feet along Chapel Hill Road, and then turns southeast, crosses Chapel Hill Road to northwest corner of Timberwyk Development property. It then follows northeast property line of Timberwyk Development for 143.78 feet and turns southeast along Timberwyk Development property line for 946.99 feet, at which point it turns southwest and continues 617.12 feet along property line of Timberwyk Development until Ridley Creek Road. The District boundary then crosses Ridley Creek Road to northwest property line of the Tyler Arboretum and continues 40.10 feet plus along Tyler Arboretum property line to Ridley Creek. It then crosses Ridley Creek and continues 655.06 feet along the property line of the Tyler Arboretum in a general westerly direction, crosses Barren Road and continues 1791.86 feet along the property line of the Tyler Arboretum until it comes to the Edgmont/Middletown Township Line. It then turns southwest and

follows the Edgmont/ Middletown Township Line and Tyler Arboretum property line in a straight line 2476.46 feet to a point at which the Tyler Arboretum property line turns south. The District boundary continues south 2447.39 feet along the Tyler Arboretum property line to a point where the Tyler Arboretum property line turns southwest and runs 848.38 feet to the point where it turns northwest and continues 1335.10 feet in a straight line to the Forge Road/Edgmont/ Middletown Township Line. The District boundary then turns southwest along the Edgmont/Middletown Township Line (and a portion of the Forge Road) and continues in a straight line 3649.00 feet until the Middletown Road, Route 352.

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The District boundary then turns northwest and continues 3372.77 feet along Middletown Road to the intersection of Sycamore Mills Road and the property line of the Edgmont Methodist Church. It then turns east and continues in a straight line 259.18 feet along the Sycamore Mills Road and the property line of the Edgmont Methodist Church. It then turns northwest and continues along the northeast property line of the Edgmont Methodist Church for 448.27 feet, and then turns west 10 feet along the property line of the Edgmont Methodist Church at which point it turns northwest and continues 101.16 feet in a straight line along the property line of the Edgmont Methodist Church to the southeast property line of William & Elizabeth Driscoll. The boundary then turns northeast and follows in a straight line the property line of William & Elizabeth Driscoll to the property line of Stanley and Sarah Driscoll and continues in a straight line along the property line of Stanley & Sarah Driscoll to the southeast property line of David R. & Elsie Wilson. It then follows in a straight line the southeast property line of David R. & Elsie Wilson to point where it turns northwest. (The distance along these 3 properties of Wm. & Eliz. Driscoll, Stanley & Sarah Driscoll and David & Elsie Wilson - in straight southeast property lines - is 873.55 feet). The boundary then runs northwest along the property line of David & Elsie Wilson in a straight line for 338.85 feet until the property line of John & Patricia Robinson. It then turns northeast and continues in a straight line 298.10 feet along the property line of John & Patricia Robinson and then turns northwest and continues along the property line of John Robinson in a straight line 589.05 feet to the property line of John & Mary Reilly. It then continues northwest along property line of John & Mary Reilly to property line of Edwin & Jean L. Costello. It then continues in a straight line northwest along the property line of Edwin Costello to property line of Charles A. Gefrorer. (The distance in a straight line along the northeast property lines of John & Mary Reilly and Edwin & Patricia Costello is 954.26 feet). From the point where the northeast property line of Edwin Costello joins the southeast property line of Charles A. Gefrorer, the District boundary turns northeast and continues in a straight line 140.86 feet to the property line of Walter C. Hoffman. It then continues northeast in a straight line 1085.16 feet along the property line of Walter C. Hoffman to a point where the property line turns northwest and continues northwest in a straight line 1002.42 feet along property line of Walter C. Hoffman to a point where Hoffman property line turns west and continues in a straight line 258.13 feet at which point it joins the Gradyville Road.

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The District boundary then turns west and runs in a straight line 116.16 feet along Gradyville Road. At this point it turns northwest and crosses Gradyville Road to the property line of John and Margaret May. It continues in a straight line 735.95 feet northwest along the property line of John & Margaret May to property line of Claude Archer. It then continues northwest in a straight line 607.88 feet and then turns southwest 74.58 feet along the Claude Archer property line. It then turns northwest and runs 849.43 feet in a straight line along the property line of Claude Archer. It then turns southwest and runs 739.58 feet along the Claude Archer property line; at which point it turns slightly westerly and runs in a straight line 1140.37 feet along Claude Archer property line to Delchester Road. At this point the boundary turns north and runs along the Delchester Road for 2680.43 feet to property line of Jane S. Torrence & Deborah S. Albin. It then turns east and runs 1067.69 feet along southeast property line of Torrence & Albin at which point it turns northwest and continues for 101.12 feet to property line of U. S. Government Property. It then runs 340.37 feet along the southeast property line of the U. S. Government Property to property line of the Edgmont Golf Club. The District boundary then continues in a northwest direction 1108.80 feet to Ridley Creek and along the property line of the Edgmont Golf Club. It then turns and in a general eastward direction runs along the property line of the Edgmont Golf Club and Ridley Creek for 3408.87 feet. At this point the property line of the Edgmont Golf Club turns northwest. The boundary then runs northwest in a straight line 953.30 feet along the property line of the Edgmont Golf Club at which point it turns southwest and continues in a straight line 383.48 feet at which point it turns northwest, along the property line of the Edgmont Golf Club, and continues in a straight line 985.23 feet. At this point the District boundary turns northeast and runs in a straight line 387.03 feet. At which point it turns northwest and continues in a straight line 1878.11 feet, along the northeast property line of the Edgmont Golf Club, to the West Chester Pike the beginning point of the Park-District boundary.

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2. Lower Rawle Farm:

House-085** (3900 Sandy Flash Drive North): circa 1710-15, Georgian, stone, 2½ stories, (restoration in process); Springhouse-086, stone covered with white-washed stucco, 1 story with loft, (restoration-1975); Stone cabin-087, 2 stories; Wagon barn-088, stone covered with white-washed stucco, 1 story with loft, (restoration-1976); Barn-089, stone, 2 stories, reconstructed 1951/52 after fire; Ruin, former ice-house-089A; Ruin-shed-089B.

Intrusion-Rest Room #5-095 (Sandy Flash Drive North): stone, 1 story, constructed 1969/70.

Intrusion -Rest Room #6-096 (Sandy Flash Drive North): stone, 1 story, constructed 1969/70.

The Lower Rawle farmhouse is a superb specimen of 18th century domestic architecture. Built in three sections, c. 1715, 1750, c. 1770, the house is virtually unchanged. The interior contains almost all of its original wood-work.

3. Jefford's Estate:

Mansion-070 (Office of Ridley Creek State Park, Sandy Flash Drive South): circe early 20th century, Medieval English Manor House built around early Georgian farmhouse. This sprawling two and three story mansion with cut lime-stone trim, with overhanging balconies and leaded glass casement windows in bronze frames offers contrast to the functional types of farmhouses in the district. There is a great open winding stairway with landings completely surrounded by cut stone. The ballroom, at the west end, 30' x 120', has an oak floor and window trim, the ceiling, 11'6" high, is hand molded plaster with three dimensional relief design. In the core of this mansion, constructed of highest specification materials can be seen evidence of the original early farmhouse. Two fireplaces downstairs and two upstairs are in the original section. Closet doors have wooden latches and one is topped with an open wood grill or lattice work to allow for ventilation of the closet. Ruins-Barn-070A, old stone walls not part of terraced gardens; Took shed-071, stone, 1 story; Springhouse-075, stone 1½ stories; Greenhouse-077; Pump-house-078; Handicap shelter-072.

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3. Jefford's Estate: (Continued)

Intrusion-Rest Room #7-073 (near Mansion, off Sandy Flash Drive South): stone, 1 story, constructed 1969/70.

Garage-Service building-080 (off Sandy Flash Drive South): 20th century, stone, 1½ stories; House-003*, 19th century, frame, 2 stories; House-079*, 19th century, frame, 2½ stories; Blacksmith Shop-001*, stone, 1 story; Stables-Barn-074*, stone & frame, 2½ stories, rebuilt in late 1930's after fire; Springhouse-002, stone, 1 story, now used as a museum. (All above following Mansion-070 are one complex).

Intrusion-Rest Room #8-076 (East of Sandy Flash Drive South): stone, 1 story, constructed 1973/74.

Intrusion-Rest Room #8-A (East of Sandy Flash Drive South): stone, 1 story, constructed 1973/74.

Intrusion-Rest Room #16-C (Drive #17): stone, 1 story, constructed 1973/74.

4. Farm Complex:

Structure (House)-043 (Drive #17): circa late 18th century, Georgian, stone-stuccoed, 2 stories; Barn-044, stone & wood; Out-Kitchen-045, stone-stuccoed, 2 stories; Springhouse-046, stone, 1½ stories.

Intrusion-Rest Room #17-D (Drive #17): stone, 1 story, constructed 1973/74.

Intrusion-Rest Room #10-121 (Off Sandy Flash Drive South): stone, 1 story, constructed 1973/74.

Intrusion-Rest Room #11-122 (Off Sandy Flash Drive South): stone, 1 story, constructed 1973/74.

Intrusion-Rest Room #12-120 (Off Sandy Flash Drive South): stone, 1 story, constructed 1973/74.

Intrusion-Rest Room #13-B (Off Sandy Flash Drive South): stone, 1 story, constructed 1973/74.

Intrusion-Rest Room #14-115 (Off Sandy Flash Drive South): stone, 1 story, constructed 1973/74.

Intrusion-Rest Room #15-116 (Off Sandy Flash Drive South): stone, 1 story, constructed 1973/74.

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5. Upper Rawle Farm Complex:

House-021* (3740 Providence Road): circa late 18th century, Georgian, stone, 2½ stories, porch along South facade, shingle roof; Garage-022, frame; Barn-023, 2½ stories, stone and wood; Springhouse-024, stone, 1 story with loft; Ice-house-ruins-024A.

The farmhouse was built of stone in several sections during the late 18th century. The original section contains a massive stone chimney on the rear slope of the gable roof. The stone and frame barn dates from the early 19th century and has an interesting forebay arrangement.

6. Schere Farm:

House-094* (3672 Providence Road): mid 19th century, Victorian, stone-covered with stucco, 2½ stories, gabled roof, porch along front facade; Barn-028, wood.

7. Clonmel Farm Complex:

Mansion-098 (3606 Providence Road): early 20th century, Colonial Revival, latest addition about 1958, house built around 18th century farmhouse, stone 2½ stories, shingled roof; Guest-house-101, (3608 Providence Road), former carriage house or barn converted into house, stone, 2½ stories; Barn-099, stone, 2 stories; Springhouse-100, stone, 1½ stories; Farmer's cottage-097, (3646 Providence Road), 20th century, frame, 1 story.

The conversion of the 18th century barn and farmhouse into a Colonial Revival mansion was done by Brognard Okie.

8. Providence Road Complex:

House-102 (3432 Providence Road): circa early 19th century, Georgian style farmhouse, stone covered with white-washed stucco, 3 stories, a recent porch atop the house serves as a "flying bridge"; Garage-103, former carriage barn, stone stuccoed and clapboard, shingled roof, 2 stories with a loft; House-104* (3430 Providence Road), formerly a barn, stone, 2½ stories; Shed-105; Ice-house-106, stone; Pump-House-106-B; Springhouse-106-A; Platform-ruin-106-C.

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9. Howard Farm Complex:

House-017* (1555 Delchester Road): mid- 18th century, Georgian farmhouse, stone, 2½ stories, with porch along south facade, bake-oven on west end of house; Garage-018, wood, 1½ stories; Barn-site-019; Springhouse-020, stone, 1½ stories.

The main farmhouse is a 2½ story stone building constructed in two sections, 1743 & 1792. The house is relatively unaltered and contains much of its original interior appointments.

10. John Worrall House Complex:

House-052 (1059 Middletown Road): Colonial, brick-end 1683, stone-end 1703, 2½ stories; Barn-053, stone, bank type, 2½ stories, 1834; House-054, ruins of small stone house.

The Worrall House is the oldest building in the district. The original section has low wide doors, a variety of window sizes, and much of its original interiors. The cellar under the brick section has deep twin arches. The house also has unusually steep pitched roof.

11. Abraham Regester Farm:

House-012* (440 Gradyville Road): late 18th century, Georgian I house, stone, 2½ stories, house appears to have been built in four stages; Barn-013, stone foundation, upper two stories of wood, bank-type, barnyard in traditional L-shape; Carriage house-014, stone that has been stuccoed, doors & shingles of wood-known as "Abraham Regester's Chair House" - 1801-1873; Springhouse-015, stone, 1 story with loft; Out-kitchen-016, stone cabin, 2½ stories, contained fireplace and bake oven with chicken coop against hillside.

A very interesting grouping of 18th century buildings in good condition. This cluster includes a nice springhouse, a small craftsman's shop, a barn, and a 2½ story dwelling. During the early 19th century Abraham Regester had a very profitable chair factory operating here.

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12. Tipton Complex (Neal House):

House-081* (401 Gradyville Road): circa late 18th century, Georgian, built in two sections, stone, three stories; Barn-082, foundation stone, excellent masonry arched doorways and windows, upper three stories of wood, bank-type; Springhouse-083, stone, two stories, 2nd floor contains a fireplace; Former carriage house-084, only remnants of stone foundations remain.

13. Upper Patchel Farm Complex:

House-004* (351 Gradyville Road): late 18th century, Georgian, stone, south side stuccoed, built in two sections, 2½ stories, with porch along south facade; Ice-house-005, stone; Garage-006, former carriage shed, wood; Corn-crib-007, cinder block base; Barn-008, stone and wood, superb structure with three stories and four major additions and L shaped barnyard; Grain Bins-009 and 010, circular; Springhouse-011* (349 Gradyville Road), stone stuccoed, 2½ stories, has unique stairway that can be reached by both rooms downstairs.

---Hunting Hill Cemetery-K (On top of "Hunting Hill", NE of house-004, on North side of Gradyville Road): small, private burial ground where Jesse Russell was buried.

14. Burnside Complex:

House-033* (300 Gradyville Road): circa late 18th century, Georgian, stone covered with white-washed stucco, 2 stories, bank-type, lies north-south, with north exposure; Springhouse-034, stone partly covered with stucco and white wash, 15' x 17', larger than most in the Park; Garage-035, a small shed constructed of wood.

15. John Russell Complex:

House-030* (66 Gradyville Road): 1822 Date stone, Georgian, stone, 2 stories, flooring and chair rails are original, south face has adjoining enclosed porch, date-stone on north wall reads: John & P. Russell-1822; Springhouse-031, stone, domestic dwelling, top floor, or loft, had a dormer door; Barn-ruins-032, only the ramp and some stone walls remain.

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16. & 17. Sycamore Mills Road Complexes:

16. House-055* (1120 Sycamore Mills Road West): mid-19th century, "Victorian", frame, 3 stories, built around a small, earlier, bank-type house, has porches on south and west sides; Garage-056, wood; Springhouse-057, stone, 1½ stories; Barn-055-A, ruins, walls standing, due to fire.

17. House-H (Sycamore Mills Road West): mid- 19th century, stone covered with yellow stucco, 3 stories, empty and has been vandalized; Springhouse-117, stone, 1 story with loft, different construction from most in Park-district; Barn or out-building, ruin-H-1, stone walls standing.

18. Morningside Complex:

House-118* (1107 Sycamore Mills Road): mid-18th century, 2½ story stone house built in two sections with date 1754 scratched into the woodwork between the two sections. Larger section is a bank type of the "Penn Plan" with two rooms on first floor with back to back corner fireplaces sharing a common chimney. Fireplace mantel entablature is hand-gouged and reeded as is the window trim. In basement stone corballing supports the fireplaces above the log joists overhead. Window and door frames are pegged at the corners. Chair rails and vertical hand planed and beaded boards forming interior walls can be seen on 2nd floor. Floor boards are wide and appear to be early. There is a large fireplace and evidence of a now missing bake oven. The ceiling extends to the roof rafters, but is said that earlier there was a sleeping loft overhead with access by ladder; Dwelling & bank combination-119, stone stuccoed, 2 stories, first floor is dirt, east end has fireplace on ground floor; Springhouse-059, stone, 1 story; Barn-080, stone, 3 stories, superb example of bank-type farm.

---Feldspar Industry-J (Sycamore Mills Road): ruins.

19. Schoolhouse Complex:

House-107* (1000 Sycamore Mills Road): 1875, stone covered with stucco painted white, 1 story, has basement, formerly one-room schoolhouse, converted into dwelling in 1951; Garage-037, cinder block painted white, constructed 1951.

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House-039* (971 Sycamore Mills Road): 20th century, frame, 1 story, with basement, former cabin-like house re-modeled with modern conveniences about 1960/61.

20. Cornog's Bottom Complex:

House-040* (842 Sycamore Mills Road):

Georgian, stone, 2½ stories, 1770 date stone on one end and 1807 date stone on the other. House is significant because of its lack of modern renovation and alteration. Old plank doors have wooden latches, pulls and drawstrings. Floors appear to be original wide boards. Chair rails exist in several rooms and inset into the wall are wood peg coat and hat hangers. The 1807 section has two back to back corner fireplaces downstairs and two upstairs.

Fireplace woodwork is hand planed reeding as is the door trim and stair newel post and balusters. Large fireplaces exist in the 1770 section. In the attic, the floor is some sort of clay, plaster or cement mixture. Overhead rafters are numbered and pegged. Iron hooks in the rafters were probably for hanging meat or herbs. The basement shows stone corbelling fireplace supports and log joists still with bark. An iron set-kettle built into a stone fire box can be seen against the outside wall of the 1770 section. Barn-041, stone and wood, two stories, large bank-type, and has 1828 date stone. Springhouse-042* (850 Sycamore Mills Road), stone and frame, 1 story with basement, converted to dwelling about 1948, destroyed by fire and rebuilt 1952.

21. Lower Patchel Farm Complex:

House-062* (841 Sycamore Mills Road, Youth Hostel): circa late 18th century, Georgian with 20th century modifications, stone, 2½ stories, farmhouse built in two sections; Springhouse-063, stone, 2 stories, fireplace on each floor; Barn-064, stone and frame, 1½ stories; Out-kitchen-065, stone and frame, 1 story, with iron set kettle and firebox, a beehive oven has been removed.

---Ruin E** (Sycamore Mills Road, along Ridley Creek): former two story stone house, destroyed by fire in 1964, chimney and walls standing, circa early 19th century.

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